

(b) The quantity of foodgrains supplied to Rajasthan during each of these months is as under ;

Month	(In '000 tonnes)	
	Wheat	Coarse-grains
December, 1972	15 6	5 7
January, 1973	21.0	10 7
February, 1973	Supplies are in progress	

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PROCUREMENT

PRICES OF FOODGRAINS

584 MISS SAROJ PURUSHOTTAM
KHAPARADE :

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE .

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether in the last conference of the Chief Ministers and the Food Ministers of the State held in Delhi last year various recommendations of the Agricultural Prices Commission regarding procurement prices of foodgrains were discussed ;

(b) if so, whether any decisions have been arrived thereon ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHED SHINDE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) A statement is attached

STATEMENT

The recommendation of the Commission that for standard varieties of paddy, the procurement prices for 1972-73 season be raised by Rs 2/- per quintal in States where the procurement prices were Rs 54/- per quintal or below and by Re 1 where they were Rs. 55/- per quintal and no increase in prices where the procurement prices were already Rs. 56/- were accepted by Govern-

ment The recommendation of the Commission that in all cases of increase in paddy prices, procurement prices for rice might be correspondingly upgraded, was also accepted

As against the uniform procurement price of Rs 57/- per quintal recommended by the Agricultural Prices Commission only for bajra and maize Government fixed the following procurement prices for kharif coarse grains for 1972-73 season :

	(Rs per quintal)
Bajra	60 00
Maiz	58 00
Jowar	58 00
Ragi	57 00
Small millets	50 00

खाद्यान्नों की कमी

585. श्री पंडरीनाथ सीतारामजी पाटिल : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि देश में पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त में 10 लाख मीट्रिक खाद्यान्नों की कमी रहेगी और

(ख) सरकार ने इस कमी को पूरा करने के लिये क्या उपाय विधे है ?

1[SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS

585 SHRI P S PATIL . Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that it is estimated that there will be shortage of ten lakh tonnes of foodgrains in the country by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to meet this shortage?]

†[] English translation